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## JOHNSTON LETTER.

### Class of Parliamentarians, Mr. Jule Bland Joins Columbia Team. Mr. LaGrone Entertains.

Mrs. Edwin Mobley, Master Edwin, and Mr. Julian Mobley have returned from Auburndale, Fla., where they spent two months with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mobley.

Mrs. James Hart and James Tompkins have been visitors here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Galphin, of Ninety Six, are visiting at the home of the latter's father, Mr. James Watkins.

Dr. A. T. King has organized a class in Parliamentary rules, and on Wednesday evenings after prayer meeting, he instructs the class for an hour or more.

Mr. Jule P. Bland left on Sunday afternoon for Columbia to join the Columbia baseball team in their try-out practices. He has won fame here during the past two seasons as pitcher of the local team.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Stansell spent a few days of last week at Elko with relatives.

Mrs. Wilcox Ouzts is visiting at the home of her father, at Tennille, Ga.

Mr. Berton Massey, of Rock Hill, spent the week end here with friends.

Every one is pleasantly anticipating the next lyceum attraction, which is a special number, apart from the regular course, there being five young ladies and one gentleman. This will be on the evening of the 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson of Lexington were guests of relatives here last week.

Delegates from the Baptist mission society to missionary institute to be held at Batesburg at an early date are Mesdames L. C. Latimer and J. A. Lott.

One of the pleasantest parties of the past week was the one given by Mrs. Elzie LaGrone, and about 30 friends were present in response to cordial invitations. The afternoon was a typical spring one, and the early blossoms of the season prettily decorated the rooms. 7 tables of progressive Rook were played and at the close, Miss Sara Beaks had the highest score and was given a box of hand embroidered handkerchiefs. In the box she found a suspicious looking little note, and upon reading it aloud, it was found to contain the announcement of the engagement of Miss Lillie LaGrone to Mr. Irwin Welling, of Darlington, whose marriage will take place the last week in April. The hostess assisted by Miss Pet LaGrone served a most tempting two course repast.

Mr. J. W. Stimen has gone to Atlanta, and is engaged in business with Mr. William Toney.

Mrs. Kate Crouch has gone to Leesville to spend awhile with her niece, Mrs. Walter Hendrix.

Mrs. B. T. Boatwright is spending two weeks at Olathe, with her sister, Mrs. Hampton Kirkland.

Miss Sara Norris has returned from a visit to Atlanta.

Mrs. John Spake of Gaffney and Miss Marion Boatwright of Atlanta are spending awhile at the home of their sister, Mrs. John E. Swearingen, while she is at the Margaret Wright Hospital Augusta. For the past year Mrs. Swearingen has been in a critical state and during the summer underwent an operation for appendicitis. Further complications have developed and now her condition is considered a grave one.

During the past few weeks of snow and rain, the main street crossings were in such a state of slush and mud as to make them almost uncrossable. The mayor is now considering having them paved and other places on the streets improved.

Mr. J. W. Payne is able to be out again after an attack of grip.

Mrs. Susie Latimer who has been spending two months in Sylacauga, Ala., is the guest of relatives here.

Mrs. J. J. Fickling, of Summerville, is visiting in the home of her father, Mr. J. W. Quattlebaum.

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## Know Ye Not That a Prince Hath Fallen.

Mr. Editor: Give me space that I may come with silent tread and lay this bouquet of flowers upon the new made grave of my departed friend, James T. Ouzts.

With them I drop a tear, and breathe a prayer. May the mighty powers of gravitation guard and keep them there; may the sun shine upon them painting them with all the beauties of nature; may they be sprayed every evening with the soft gentle dews of heaven, and may the bright vision that so charmed the sweet singer of Israel rest as a benediction upon the memory of J. T. Ouzts forever. In life he was as gentle as a woman, in thought as pure as a virgin. He lived in the 15th Psalm: "He walked uprightly among men and worked righteous deeds." True it must be that "death loves a shining mark," and this man, loving and beloved, had walked a long time where the multitudes press. It is one of the blessed consolations that is left us, that we can treasure in our memories the qualities of character that made splendid and beautiful the souls of those who slip away from us. And surely there is much for comfort and peace in the recollection of how well and faithfully Mr. Ouzts filled the many years that were given him here. He had a high sense of reverence of things sacred and holy.

In his case death was robbed of its sting. "He just gathered the draperies of his couch about him to lie down to pleasant dreams." He plies his task yonder under softer skies and freed from the limitations that are ours who yet tarry. His life was arrested here to find a richer fruition otherwise. He still sits in the family circle, but out of earthly sight, and will still minister to those whom he loved, and those who loved him and have lost him but for awhile.

"I cannot say, and will not say that he is dead, he is just away. With cheery smile and a wave of hand, He has wandered into an unknown land, And left us dreaming. How very fair it must be, since he lingers there.

And you, oh you, who the wildest yearn For the old-time laugh and the glad return. Think of him faring on, as dear In the love of there, as the love of here. Think of him still as the same, I say; He is not dead—he is just away. Warm summer's sun shine Kindly here. Warm southern winds blow Softly here. Green sod above, lie light lie light, Good night my friend, Good night, good night."

J. Russell Wright.

## Program of Union Meeting.

The union meeting of the first division of the Ridge Association will meet with Philippi church Saturday and Sunday, March 29-30, 1914.

10 a. m., Devotional exercises, by Lewis Holmes.

1. How may we best affect interest and co-operation in our associational work, by Rev. H. B. White.

2. Is the territory of our association being worked by our churches, by Rev. T. H. Posey.

3. Should we not provide to supply our people with good books and papers, by P. N. Lott.

4. Would not a Baptist Academy in our midst further the interest of the Kingdom, by S. B. Sawyer.

Sunday.

10 a. m., Sunday School.

1. Are our present methods of Sunday School work efficient, by C. L. Jones.

2. Home Miss, a, Frontier, by Dr. A. C. King, b, city work by S. J. Watson, c, Cuba by G. W. Scott, d, Mountain schools by W. W. Johnson, e, among the negroes by H. W. Jackson.

3. Foreign missions, a, Papal fields, by W. L. Coleman, b, papal fields by T. R. Denny, c, Educational Department by L. D. Holmes.

4. Show that the Bible teaches missions, by L. M. Jones.

Dinner will be served on the grounds each day.

## PLUM BRANCH NEWS.

### Sick of Community Are Conyalescing. Methodist Revival Begins Next Week. Bad Road.

With Mrs. Jas. Collier, Mr. Jim Adams and young Allen Mallett, convalescent, we have a clean health bulletin.

Mrs. Tillman White of Troy, visited Mrs. J. W. Miller Tuesday.

There has been quite a bit of guessing of late as to when the wedding bells are going to ring, as there are several candidates in the race.

The good man of the house seems to have served the applicant for special favors around the family fireside. They must furnish the wood if they expect to win.

One such young man was heard to say he was doing his best to get the young lady to consent to move his wood pile.

In answer to the question, would it be legal for a bank to operate a United States post office, as uncle Sam had installed a banking department? My opinion is it would be perfectly in keeping with the law, for the banker to take over the Post mistress, with her consent.

Miss Dorothy Miller has accepted a position with The Tapp Department Store of Columbia, S. C., and will leave Monday, March 9th.

Rev. B. H. Covington will begin a series of meetings in the Methodist church next week. He will conduct the services with two meetings each day. The public cordially invited, but the church members are urged to attend and lend a helping hand.

Our roads are in bad condition and need the attention of the Supervisor, but the folks will come to Plum Branch under all kinds of weather, bad roads to boot. There must be a reason.

You can get fresh ground meal or grits to order at Ralph Sturkey's mill Monday, Thursday and Saturdays, with no long waits. Plum Branch is on the job with the goods these days.

Plum Branch, S. C.

### Another Interesting Letter From Rev. J. R. Walker.

At 8:30 Saturday morning, July 26, we left Paris for Havre, the seaport of Paris, 143 miles from Paris. Havre is in the northern part of France on the English channel.

At 1 p. m. we went on the ship Sicilian sailing from London and Havre to Quebec and Montreal. Out of our 80 on tour 2 only 23 of us are returning on the Sicilian. The 80 of us were in two sections, L and M, each with a conductor. These conductors met us at Glasgow, June 23, and went with us all our journey from Glasgow to end of our stay in Paris, July 26. They did our Dutch talking in Holland, German in Germany, German and French in Switzerland, and French in Paris. They took us to our hotels which had been engaged by our touring company, Thos. Cook & Son; they arranged for our travel by train and boat. Section L had about 50 people. Section M between 30 and 35. Mrs. Walker and I were in M. Section L had 12 on the Sicilian. M had 11. Among the 11 my congregational preacher, friend, Lamphear. Among the 12 of L our Canada friends, Mr. and Mrs. Baty. These Canada folk love England. I fear they will never consent to come in with Uncle Sam. Not that they love Uncle Sam less, but John Bull more. But Canadian Baty, New England Lamphear, Southern Walker, and many others unite in putting first our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! The kind Count was still with us, and E. G. Denison, head of employment department of west side Y. M. C. A. New York City. Mr. Denison showed Mrs. Walker and me many courtesies when we reached New York. Wish I had space to mention every one of our splendid company of "veterans."

We met on the Sicilian several splendid people who had gone out on another tour to the convention. Among these were two with historic names of interest to me, Edwards and Cartwright. The Cartwrights are of same family as the old time Methodist preacher Peter Cartwright, and Miss Edwards of the famous Jonathan Edwards family. However, the Cartwrights (Alabama) have become Presbyterians, and Miss Edwards of the great Presbyterian name has become Methodist. Miss Edwards is of Illinois. She wrote this in my notebook which is of interest in connection with both Cartwright and Edwards—"My grandparents entertained Uncle Peter Cartwright who preached in their home in pioneer days." Another point of interest to us South Carolinians especially, Miss Edwards knew our James H. Carlisle. She told me that the only man of the world's Sunday school convention that seemed to her to rank with Carlisle was F. B. Meyer of London. If there were any more they were very few. A Methodist preacher in South Carolina with whom I was talking about the world's convention said to me: "I have seen in all only two men I thought really great." My question immediately was, "Dr. Carlisle and who else?"

Mrs. Walker and I had a better room than on the Cassandra, and we liked the fare better, but this may have been by comparison with the fat boiled fish and other poorly prepared food of Europe. They used to bore us with an hour of courses or messes all of which I should like to have swapped for a 15 cents lunch of my own choosing (and cooking). That was at night at dinner when we were fed by Thos. Cook & Son. (Tom is a poor cook in some ways.) We generally made out pretty well when we could go and buy our midday lunch. Sometimes we got a good dinner.

On Tuesday a few of us went down into the engine room. We were down in the bottom of the ship below the sea level. These engineers and firemen are in great danger when a ship is damaged. Their orders are to stick to their work as long as their heads are barely above water. The Sicilian which is a small ship burns about 60 tons of coal a day.

On Wednesday we saw two whales. Thursday, July 31: It is said that the fog horn began blowing at 5 o'clock this morning. I heard it only once before 7:30 or 8. It was still blowing in the afternoon. By 7:30 p. m. the fog had cleared away. Wind strong and waves big. Many sick.

On Friday, August 1, I saw my first iceberg. It looked like a cloud rising out of water.

J. R. Walker.

## Report of Grand Jury.

Edgefield, S. C., Mar. 4th, 1914. To His Honor, T. H. Spain, Presiding Judge, March Term of Court, Edgefield County, S. C.

We beg to report that we have passed on all bills handed us, by the Court and reported the same.

This being the first sitting of our body for this year we have only had time to act upon the bills and appoint committees to look after the various affairs of the county, which committees will take such matters as will be in their respective charges, make such investigations as they deem necessary and be ready to report at the August term.

We have only considered such other matters as in our opinion needed immediate attention. Under this head we find in one of the reports of our preceding Grand Jury certain recommendations for needed repairs on the jail and other county buildings ignored.

We find that it has been the custom for years that after the reading of the report of the Grand Jury in open court the same was filed by the Clerk of Court, the filing of which usually ended the matter. Now we have resolved in the outset, and we want to be fully understood, that it will not be our purpose to be over zealous, making recommendations just to be elaborate, but to confine ourselves to such matters as we will feel the absolute necessity of having done. We expect to see action upon each and every recommendation that we may see fit to make, or, we will know the reason why.

We find after visiting our jail in a body that the prisoners are as well cared for as could be expected under the present condition of the building. We find that the heating is done by one little stove with a very defective flue, on account of which

defect, we would not be surprised at any time to hear of the destruction of the building by fire. We find only one entrance leading from the lower to upper floors; this is through and connected to the stove room. In case of a fire originating from the stove, or, in the stove room, we don't see any possible way for the prisoners to escape. We understand from the jailer that just the past week fire broke out in the stove room and had it not been for his immediate action perhaps the building would have been destroyed and the prisoners cremated.

So we recommend that the sheriff in conjunction with the committee on public buildings, secure plans and specifications and have built at once a sufficient fire escape, this escape to be located at such place on the building as they in their judgment deem best for the escape of the prisoners in case of fire.

That the sheriff present his bill to the Board of County Commissioners for their approval. We have taken up considerable time with our Supervisor and he has promised to look into the former presentments of our preceding juries and to act in conjunction with the several committees from our body.

Committee on Books, Accounts and County Officials—W. L. Dunnivant, N. M. Jones, O. P. Bright, E. M. Walker, J. R. Strother and W. A. Strom.

Committee on Chain Gang—J. M. Shaffer, H. W. Quarles and L. B. Derrick.

Committee on Poor House—H. M. Herlong, E. N. Smith and E. L. Scott.

Committee on Public Buildings—S. A. Bartley, X and L. M. Dorn.

Committee on Education—R. H. Quarles, J. M. Miller, T. E. Byrd and H. F. Cooper.

It is our opinion that the most vital hindrances, religiously, educationally, socially and financially is the condition of our county roads. To suggest a better method by which they should be worked has not only been most puzzling to us, but to every Grand Jury for several years. We notice various recommendations by the preceding Grand Juries which we consider good but not carried out, so we have resolved, that instead of following the usual custom in appointing a few men from our body as a special committee on roads, bridges and ferries to consider ourselves a committee of the whole to advise with and assist the Supervisor in every way possible to bring about better conditions. We approve the action of our sheriff in his appointment of Homer L. Williams as his deputy which under a recent act was to be done by him with the consent of the Grand Jury. We desire to extend thanks to Judge Spain, Solicitor Timmerman and other officers of the court for the assistance rendered us in the discharge of our duties and other courtesies extended.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Strom,

Foreman.

## Applying Soda to Oats.

March finds settled most questions regarding the choice of fertilizers. However, before the purchase of fertilizers is concluded, provision should be made for enough nitrate of soda with which to top dress oats during the month of March. The first half of the month is the best time for applying this fertilizer to fall-sown oats, and promptness is especially in order this year as there was a large acreage of oats sown early in the fall. For oats sown after Christmas (and may this tribe decrease) the latter half of March may be suitable date.

In selecting a time to apply nitrate of soda as a top dressing, we prefer a spell of clearing weather, when there is no prospect of immediate rain and while there is still in the soil from recent rain enough moisture to dissolve the nitrate promptly. However, one should not wait too late for this favorable combination of circumstances; but if the surface is too dry when the proper date comes around, a weeder or harrow may be used to break the crust and thus to bring the nitrate of soda in contact with moist soil. Usually well-rooted oats will be rather helped than hindered by this harrowing.—Progressive Farmer.

## IMPORTANT LEGISLATION.

### Bill Passed by Mr. DeLaughter in House and by Mr. Nicholson in Senate Com-mended.

Measure regulating licensing of insurance companies was passed at the last session of the general assembly and is now a law. The bill was introduced in the house by J. P. DeLaughter, member of the Edgefield delegation.

F. H. McMaster, insurance commissioner, has addressed the following letter to Mr. DeLaughter:

"I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to you for securing the passage of what is known as the DeLaughter bill in the house and the Nicholson bill in the senate, regulating licensing of insurance companies.

"I believe this to be an excellent piece of constructive legislation. It enlarges the present law, in that it adds to the investments which insurance companies may make in this State and secure license fee reductions, State, county and municipal notes and deposits in banks of this State, maintained continuously for six months.

"This law, while eminently fair to the insurance companies, will be of great benefit to the people of the State in securing investments within the State by foreign insurance companies. Of course I can not undertake to compare this with legislation of which I know nothing, but, so far as this department is concerned, I believe this to be one of the best pieces of legislation that has ever been enacted.

"The unanimity with which this bill was passed by the house is a tribute to your influence and to the confidence in your judgment held by the house."—The State.

## Court of Common Pleas.

The civil court convened Monday the first day and all of Tuesday were consumed with the suit brought by Howard C. Park, of Columbus, Ohio, against the Edgefield Coach Horse Company, the members of the defendant company being the following leading citizens of the lower section of the county: P. M. Markert, W. H. Ryan, J. L. Crafton, H. H. Scott, Sr., J. O. Scott, J. H. Garrett, J. P. Nixon, W. H. Nixon, R. H. Scott, H. L. Bunch and J. J. Taylor.

The facts leading up to this suit are, briefly stated, as follows: The above named citizens realizing the need of improving the stock of their community by bringing in new blood, formed a company and purchased a French Coach stallion from McLaughlin Bros. of Columbus, Ohio, the purchase price being \$3,600. Three notes of \$1,200 each were given for the horse, which was guaranteed to be sound and first-class in every particular. The makers of the notes paid the first note when it matured, but before the second note became due the horse proved to be unsatisfactory, falling short of the guarantee. Upon this ground the makers refused to pay the second note and won a suit which was brought in the court here at Edgefield. The case that was tried yesterday was brought to force the payment of the third note with accrued interest since the 1st of September, 1908.

Before the note matured on which the suit was brought it was purchased by Mr. Park from McLaughlin Bros. After all testimony was given and argument made by counsel, Judge Spain ordered a verdict for the plaintiff for the face of the note and interest, \$1,746, upon the ground that it is owned by an innocent third party who had no notice at the time the note was purchased that a fraud had been perpetrated. The plaintiff was represented by E. H. Folk and S. McG. Simkins and the defendants by J. W. Thurmond and B. E. Nicholson.

The next case was a suit against the Southern railroad by Dr. W. E. Prescott to recover damages sustained by the burning of merchandise in the depot at Edgefield July 4, 1913. The plaintiff, who was represented by J. Wm. Thurmond, was awarded a verdict for the full amount asked, \$241.78. The railroad was represented by Capt. N. G. Evans.